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SUBJECT: RENEWED TERRORIST ACTIVITY IN FLORENCE

1. FOLLOWING TERRORIST ROBBERY AND BURNING OF A PRIVATE LOAN AND MORTGAGE COMPANY JUNE 26 AND A ROBBERY (MONEY AND ONE PISTOL) OF A CITY POLICE POST JUNE 27, A GROUP OF AT LEAST 4YOUTHS CALLING THEMSELVES THE 'SQUADRE PROLETERIE COMBATTENTIN' (PROLETARIAN FIGHTING SQUADS) ATTACKED THE CIVIL SECTION OF THE FLORENCECOURT ON JULY 1. AT 2:30 P.M. THE TERRORISTS SEIZED MAGISTRATE FRANCESCO DE CRISTOFORO IN THE COURT PARKING LOT, FORCED HIM TO OPEN THE DOOR OF THE CIVIL SECTION , LOCKED HIM UP IN ONE OF THE OFFICES AND PLACED BOMBS IN THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MAGISTRATE AND IN THE OFFICE WHERE ALL THE COURT EVICTION ORDERS WERE KEPT. THE ATTACK ONTHE COURT, WHICH IS LOCATED IN THE CENTER OF FLORENCE NEAR CITY HALL, CAUSED CONSIDERABLE MATERIAL
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DAMAGE BUT NO INJURIES.

2. FLORENCE PREFECT DR. ROLANDO RICCI AND FLORENCE COMMUNIST MAYOR ELIO GABBUGGIANI VISITED THE RUINS OF THE TWO COURT OFFICES A SHORT TIME AFTER THE ATTACK. LOCAL PRESS REPORTS STATEMENTS BY MAYOR GABBUGGIANI AND FLORENCE DC DEPUTIES BRUNO STEGAGNINI AND SERGIO PEZZATI WHO

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EMPHASIZED THE GRAVITY OF THIS ATTACK AND THE NECESSITY TO INCREASE SECURITY MEASURES IN THESE TYPES OF PUBLIC OFFICES.

3. LOCAL POLICE OFFICIALS REPORTEDLY SAID THAT THE TERRORISTS, WHO WERE WELL DRESSED AND WERE NOT MASKED, MIGHT HAVE COME FROM OUTSIDE FLORENCE.

4. ARTICLES IN "LA NAZIONE" AND LOCAL EDITION OF COMMUNIST ORGAN "L'UNITA" AND COMMUNIST ORIENTED "PAESE SERA" STRESS THE VIEW THAT TERRORISM IN FLORENCE IS BECOMING MORE FREQUENT AND MORE DANGEROUS.

5. PRESS AND OTHER SOURCES STATE THAT PROCESSING OF MANY EVICTION CASES WILL PROBABLY BE DELAYED FOR MONTHS.

6. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH SIMILAR IN TECHNIQUE, THESE ROBBERIES AND THIS COURT RAID FOLLOWING A PERIOD OF RELATIVE CALM, APPEAR TO BE SEPARATE FROM THE MAINSTREAM OF TERRORISM IN ITALY. THE EVENTSTHEMSELVES AND THE SLOGANS SCRAWLED HAVE TENDED TO FOCUS ON THE GRIEVANCES OF RENTAL TENANTS REGARDING EVICTION AND REAL ESTATE SPECULATION. EQUALLY IMPORTANT, THUS FAR, THERE HAS BEEN NO LOSS OF LIFE IN THESE RECENT RAIDS ALTHOUGH THERE HAVE BEEN OPPORTUNITIES TO KILL AND ESCAPE. GODDEN

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